

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of December 20, 2005 and the Office Action of September 8, 2005 have been received and considered. Claims 18-28 are pending. Claims 1-17 and claim 20 have been canceled. Claims 18 and 21 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Each of the Examiner's rejections is discussed below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 24-28 have been allowed. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 20-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 20 and is now believed to be in form for allowance. Claims 19 and 21-23, which depend from claim 18, are now believed to be in form for allowance as well.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, pending claims 18-19 and 21-28 are believed to be allowable, and an indication to that effect from the Examiner is respectfully requested at this time. Please apply any required charges or credits to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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Respectfully submitted,

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